

**GERMANY IS READY  
TO DISCLOSE TERMS  
IN PEACE PROPOSAL**

Will Not Permit Negotiations to Fall Through Allies Rejection.

DEPENDS UPON U. S. SUPPORT

Indications Are That Kaiser, if Urged, Will Submit Proposition to Conference for Submission to the Entente, in Order to Bridge the Gap.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the Entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the Entente would base a refusal on such a condition.

The Central Powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad indications today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States Government or soon would be.

Germany, it was said, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and in that end is ready to consider any suggestion from the President. As the case stands now, the German government considers it has met all the suggestions in the President's note and a statement to that effect has been made by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received here early today. So far as is known it was unaccompanied by any other communication and was said to be substantially the same as the unofficial text received Tuesday from Berlin.

DUTCH SOCIALISTS SUPPORT WILSON

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 28.—A flood of cablegrams is being sent to President Wilson by trades unions, social welfare societies, religious bodies of all denominations and other organizations wishing him success in what they regard as his effort to bring about peace. The Dutch Socialist party sent the following message to the President today:

"The Dutch Socialist party supports in the strongest way your initiative in favor of peace and appeals to the belligerent powers to accept your proposal."

The newspapers in voluminous articles regard the situation rather hopefully with the exception of the anti-German Telegram which favors a war to a finish and sneers at Germany's answer.

FRENCH TROOPS REFUSE TWO ATTACKS BY GERMANS

PARIS, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Chenoy, on the Somme, and upon the eastern slope of Hill 304, west of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, the war office announced today.

Mines sprung by the French near Bezaulaines, on the Somme front, caused great damage to the German defenses. One of the explosions produced a crater 150 yards long and 40 yards wide.

The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The airplanes were aided in the attack by two dirigibles.

BRITISH WANT TO BUY SHELL-MARKING MACHINES

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Agents of the British government are here today arranging for the purchase of the Wheeling Machine & Foundry Company's machinery used by the company in making shells.

All contracts have been completed. It is stated, and as the company will have no further use for the machines the British are willing to buy them for a munitions plant now in course of construction in Canada.

GIVE SHIPS UP AS LOST

Revenue Cutters Abandon Search for the Steamer Maryland.

By Associated Press.

NANUCKET, Dec. 28.—The steamer Maryland was regarded as probably lost today. Search for the vessel and her crew by the coast guard cutters Acushnet and Graceland, which was begun after the Maryland's wireless calls of distress were suddenly silenced Christmas night, was abandoned without having developed any trace of either.

Hope for the safety of the steamer's 30 odd men lies in the possibility they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamer.

Licensed to Wed.

Blaise Molloy and Rose Salsis, both of Leisegang, were granted a license to wed in Uniontown yesterday.

Case of Whooping Cough.

A case of whooping cough was reported to the health department this morning.

**DRASTIC ACTION TO  
END CAR SHORTAGE**

Interstate Commerce Commission Proposes to Assume Direct Charge of the Traffic Situation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Representatives of railroads throughout the country today appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission to show cause why the commission should not take into its own hands the car shortage situation heretofore dealt with by the roads themselves, and issue drastic orders to relieve congestion.

The order which the commission apparently is prepared to issue, unless the roads show cause why it should not, would require the roads to return to connecting lines all foreign cars on their tracks after unloading. Heretofore the railroads have endeavored to cope with the situation by requiring roads in the east, where congestion is greatest, to return to connecting lines monthly a larger number of foreign cars than received.

One of the phases of today's hearing was the claim advanced by certain railroad interests that the commission apparently was without authority to issue such an order as cited in today's summons.

VILLA ALTERS ATTITUDE

Friends Say Bandit Will Kill No More Americans in Mexico.

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Dec. 28.—Francisco Villa has altered his attitude toward Americans and other foreigners found in Mexico, in opinion of his friends here, who today announced they had appealed to him not to kill any more foreigners.

The appeal was sent Villa during his occupation of Chihuahua City. The document, it was said, reached him after a number of foreigners there had been killed, but the fact that no foreigners were molested after Villa's occupation of Torreon was cited to show that Villa had heeded the appeal.

It was said by Villa partisans here that Torreon would be established as Villa's provisional headquarters. He was said to have increased his command to 10,000 troops and it was predicted a campaign for the control of the entire state of Chihuahua would be inaugurated.

REMEMBERS MENNONITES

Late Jacob Loucks Leaves Money and Property to Church.

The late Jacob S. Loucks of Scotland, Pa., made extensive bequests to the Mennonite Church in his will, filed yesterday for probate at Greensburg. He wills \$1,000 to the board of missions of this church, \$1,000 and a property on Market street, Scotland, to the Mennonite Church at Scotland, and \$500 to the Mennonite orphanage at West Liberty, O.

The testator also made bequests to the following children: Joseph R. Aaron R. John R. George S. David, Aaron, Ada, Cora and Martin R. Loucks. Joseph, David, John and Aaron Loucks were named as executors of the estate. The estate was valued at \$125,000.

COMPANIONS KILL BANDIT

Bullet Intended for a Toledo Conductor Shuts Paroled Prisoner.

By Associated Press.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—One bandit was killed by his companions during the holdup of a street car early this morning. The dead man is Leo P. Wood, 27, a paroled prisoner from Mansfield Reformatory. Two shots were fired by the other bandits at the conductor, one of which accidentally struck Wood. The holdup took place in the outskirts of the city. There were no passengers on the car.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 28.—Robbers blow open the safe in Morgan's Bank in Perryville, Ind., early today and escaped with \$800 in cash and several thousand dollars in bonds.

ARK STRIPPING COAL

Mining of Surface Yarn at Morrell Is Proving Successful.

The Connellsville Coal Company is selling much coal from its stripping, recently opened at Morrell. The vein was exposed by means of a steam shovel and coal is loaded by charges of black powder.

As soon as the coal is removed from one opening, the steam shovel will start work on another and dirt from the second will be used to fill up the first.

Oil Again Advanced.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 28.—An increase of 10 cents a barrel in the price of crude oil, the fifth 10 cent advance in 39 days, was posted here today by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. The new price is \$1.40.

Yough River Is High.

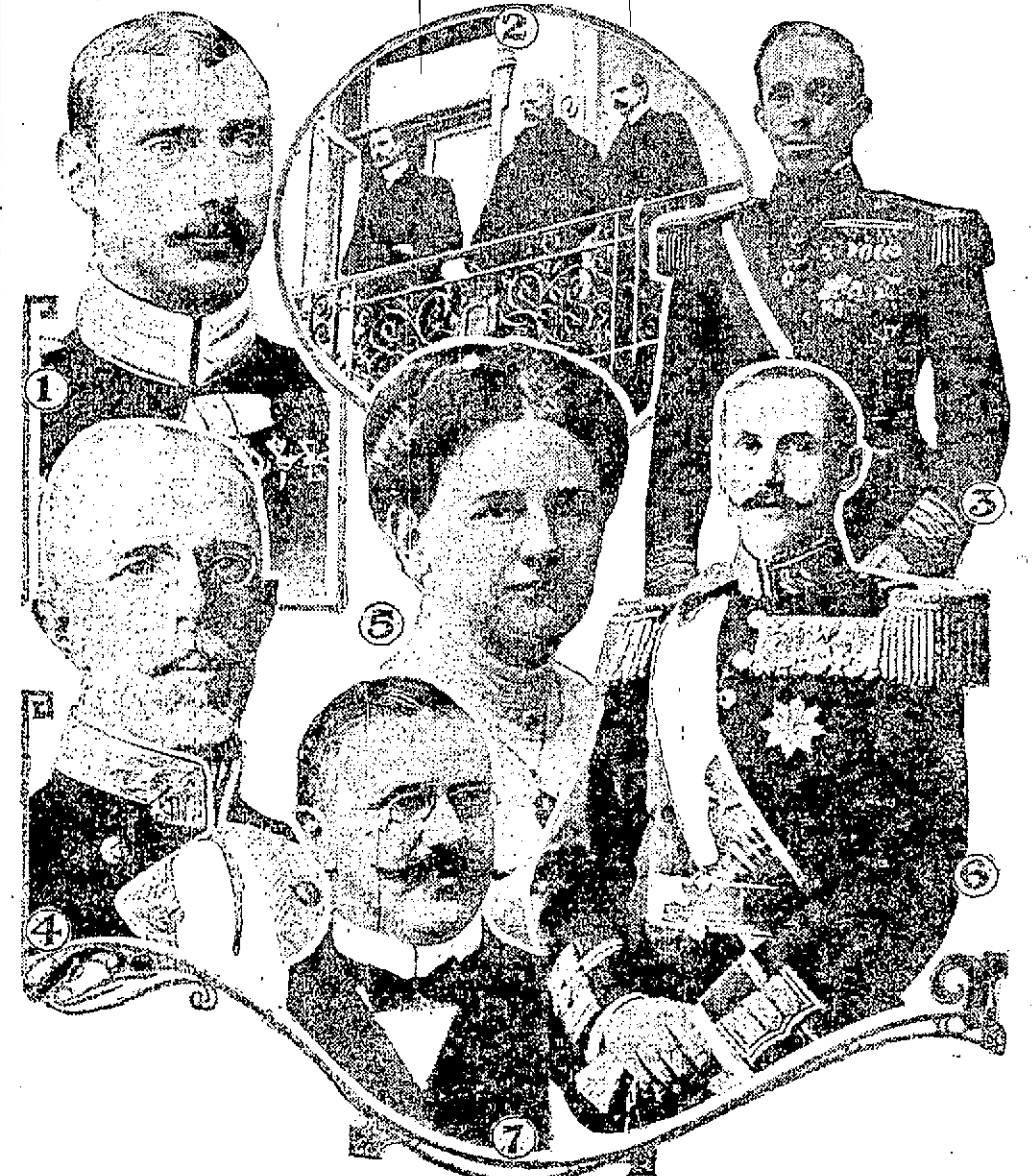
The Yough river rose to flood stage during the night, following a steady rain which thawed the snow in the mountains. All of the tributary streams are swollen.

Paper Advances Price.

The McKeesport Daily News yesterday announced an increase in price from one to two cents a copy after January 1.

Kill 15 Bears.

About 174 deer and 10 bears were killed by hunters in Center county this fall.

**Leading Neutral Nations Planning  
Conferences on Ending the War**

The Overseas News agency of Bern gave out the following:

"The Bern (Switzerland) Tageblatt reports that the Scandinavian governments, according to rumor, will in the immediate future hold a conference in order to foster peace negotiations by common propositions."

"Likewise, the Neue Zürcher Zeitung reports from The Hague that the Netherlands probably will issue a note similar to that of Switzerland."

Confirmation of the report that other neutral countries are planning to follow the action of Switzerland in support of President Wilson's peace movement was obtained in Washington in official quarters. One country after another will join the neutral chorus.

A conference of diplomatic representatives of important Latin-American

movements was obtained in Washington. The question of indorsing the President's peace plan and of taking action similar to that of Switzerland was discussed. As a result of the conference, long telegrams were sent to the home governments outlining the situation and asking for instructions.

Further conferences will be held. One of the conferees stated that the opinion of the Central and South American representatives of the movement was "generally favorable to indorsement of the American note."

Whether the Latin-American nations will read separate notes to the belligerents was not stated, and probably will not be decided until replies have been received from the

various governments.

Spain is expected to be one of the first neutrals to send a note to the belligerent powers asking them to accept the Wilsonian proposals and offering her services. In fact, the hotel was expressed that if such a note had not really been dispatched it was certainly in process of preparation.

No. 1 in the pictures is King Christian of Denmark; No. 2, left to right, Kings Christian of Denmark, Gustaf of Sweden and Haakon of Norway; No. 3, King Alfonso of Spain; No. 4, King Gustaf; No. 5, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands; No. 6, King Haakon; No. 7, the recently elected president of Switzerland, Edmund Schulthess.

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In the morning, however, Joe was gone. And with him went \$75 in cash, which the elder man had in his coat pocket. Discouraged, the brother returned to his home here, telling Chief Rottler of the result of his trip. The chief immediately notified the Parkersburg police of the occurrence, and this morning learned that they had apprehended young Brodigan.

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**SMASHES WINDOW  
IN AN ARGUMENT**

White Man Loses Temper, Negro Says, and Raps Him on Head, Thereby Breaking Pane.

When he lost his temper last night and rapped Newton Phillips, colored, on the head with his umbrella, John Moyles not only ruined the umbrella, but also smashed a large window and precipitated his own arrest.

The quarrel took place on Crawford avenue, West Side, in front of the home of Mrs. P. M. Buttermore. Phillips, according to his own story told in police court this morning, acted admirably, remaining cool and collected throughout the dispute, the cause of which was not brought out. His antagonist, on the other hand, Phillips said, was in a rage. Suddenly raising his umbrella and swinging it about, Moyles dropped it sharply on the negro's head. The man was unhurt, but the umbrella broke in two at the handle. The longer end flew through the window, smashing the glass to bits.

Patrolman P. M. Kull was soon on the scene. He arrested Phillips, charging him with drunkenness and fighting, but Moyles got away. A warrant has been issued for him, and it is expected that he will be brought before Alderman Fred Blank for a hearing within a short time.

Phillips was given a hearing in police court this morning. Mayor R. Marietta committed him for 48 hours, in order to hold him as a witness. Phillips is from Monongahela City. Mrs. Buttermore's window is 44 inches square and cost of replacing it will be rather large. An information against Moyles has been made by her.

WANT MORE MONEY

Educators Advocate a Larger Appropriation from State.

Speakers at the first sessions of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association convention at Harrisburg yesterday advocated larger appropriations for the operation of public schools. Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of education, advocated a biennial appropriation of \$15,000,000, pointing out the increased demands of schools, necessity of paying teachers more, for providing retirement funds and for Americanization of foreigners.

State Treasurer Young advocated a "locked budget" for schools to prevent the "pulling and hauling incident to the closing days of a legislative session."

George W. Gerwig of the Pittsburg board of education, declared that only new people coming to a re-education of the potential dividends from good school property. He said the entire public school service in Pittsburg costs only \$10 a year and declared that nowhere in the world is better service given for that amount.

ARMY SERVICE FOR YOUTHS

New Bill Proposes Year of Training for Every Young Man.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Argentina's military system is serving as a model for the universal service bill now being drafted by a committee of the army general staff. The scheme is designed to keep 600,000 men under training with 2,500,000 trained reservists subject to call.

The main feature of the staff bill will be provision for one year of intensive military instruction for all youths subject to its terms. The result, when the system has been in operation a number of years, would be to give 600,000 men under arms and in process of training, 3,000,000 more trained, equipped, organized and ready for immediate muster at first line troops, and behind these the unorganized but trained reserve, numbering more than 1,500,000.

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Years Just Closing Ranks as Best in Community's History.

THREE NEW INDUSTRIES COME

Steel Mill, Silk Factory and a Stone Quarry Development Mean Much to the Town; New Railroad Yards and Rigger Power Plant are Developed.

What is conceded by business men to have been the most prosperous year in the history of the city has but three more days to run and 1916 will go down as one that has brought more improvements, higher wages and put more money in circulation locally than in any previous year. Business men in all lines look forward to even better things in 1917.

The year now closing has seen three big new industries brought to Connellsville and witnessed the enlargement of many others. Connellsville was selected as the location for the plant of the United States Electric Steel Company which is to install an electric furnace on Herd bottom, close to the West Penn power plant, upon which it will draw for current. After a long series of delays, work on this plant was started last week. It will operate early in the new year and it is expected to be but the beginning of a series of new industries.

The same progressive spirit secured for Connellsville a plant of the Specialty Silk Company. This mill is about completed and will start to operate in a month or two, employing 100 or more men and girls at the outset.

The Casparis Stone Company came to Connellsville during the year, and thereunder, and has already spent several hundred thousand dollars developing quarries at Bluestone, from which thousands of tons of stone will be shipped out in 1917.

The Western Maryland railroad selected a part of the Herd bottom along Dunbar creek as the site for its new yards in which to transfer coal brought down from mines in the Fairmont region. A transfer track was completed and work is being continued on the remainder of the yards. A roundhouse is to follow. The railroad will spend \$100,000 or more on this work.

Improvements costing close to \$1,000,000 were completed at the West Penn power station at Fayette, which is now supplying most of Southwest Pennsylvania with electric energy. The electric steel mill came to Connellsville largely because of the fact that the West Penn was in a position to furnish cheaper current than is made possible for the immense water power at Niagara Falls.

All of the other industries of the city took on a boom during the year. The Connellsville Machine & Car Company secured contracts that made an addition to its foundry necessary. An expenditure of \$10,000 was authorized and work was begun. It has been held up for three weeks by lack of material. Borden Portland Cement Company enjoyed fine business and is now looking about for a place on which to build an addition. The vacation of part of North alley may again be asked of the city.

The Connellsville Manufacturing & Mill Supply Company had a successful year although its already large plant was adequate for the growth of its business.

The Ripley Glass plant at South Connellsville put in operation a number of new furnaces and work is now being completed on a big addition for its development.

The Pennsylvania railroad purchased property valued at \$70,000 as a site for its proposed new freight depot. Work on this has been begun and is being pushed forward as fast as the weather permits.

There were no serious fires, floods, individuals, churches and fraternal organizations spending thousands of dollars for new work. Two new school buildings, a grade school on Seventh street and a magnificent high school on Fairview avenue and a Prospect street, representing a total investment of about \$250,000, were begun. The Elks finished a \$15,000 addition. The Methodist Protestant Church has a \$13,000 addition under foot. The Moose are looking for a site for a home.





## MANY BIG FEATURE PICTURES ARE TO BE SEEN HERE SOON

Connellsville Exhibitors are to Present Unusual Productions.

### "PURITY" ON NEXT WEEK'S CARD

Other Spectacles to Follow at Four Leading Theatres: Chicago Exhibition, Quips Nursery and Cheeks Babies; Notes of the Players.

With the entire photoplay business following a general trend toward the use of feature pictures, Connellsville exhibitors have quickly fallen into line with the movement and are planning to show many of the most potent photoplays during the winter.

The Paramount next Wednesday and Thursday will have the famous Andrew Munson picture "Purity," an action picture. Other spectacles are on the card for this theatre for exhibition in the near future and several noteworthy program productions, such as "Oliver Twist," with Marie Dore Hobart, "The Sign of the Cross," with Tully Marshall and "Miss George Washington," with Marguerite Clark, will attract special attention.

The Edison has had the first delivery picture "The Common Law," recently showing that film for three successive days. More of these feature productions will be exhibited at this theatre.

The new Orpheum gave "Less than the Dust" with Mary Pickford a two-day run at special prices and has on its schedule such features as "The Dumb Girl of Portici" with Pavlova and the "The Sign of the Cross" which will be produced here with special musical accompaniment by a large orchestra.

The Arcade, re-opened several days ago by D. S. Trumble has at yet no unusual spectacles on its program. It is thought, however, that Manager Trumble will shortly make efforts to get some of the bigger pictures at his house.

The tendency is toward showing special features for more than one day in the local theatres.

The mother of an infant has a hard time of it, when she feels the need of a little recreation. What it is to be done with the baby?

The manager of a Chicago motion picture theatre has worked out an answer. He checks the babies that the mothers may have a free hour. A nurse has been equipped by the manager for the care of the infants.

Each baby appears in its duly checked and numbered tag being attached. From this tag is torn a coupon bearing the corresponding number. The coupon is given to the mother. On the bottom of the coupon it is stated that "This number will appear on the left side of the tag if wanted in nursery."

There is a small screen on the side of the stage on which the number can be thrown by lantern. The mother in the audience then listens out to see for the wants of her offspring.

Gladys Brockwell, well-known Fox star, has written the words and music for two songs called "Mary" and "The Other As Yet Unknown."

Pearl White has notified her director Edward Jones that the 1916 swimming season is officially closed and that the scenario writer of Pearl of the Air, had the wrong idea when he specified a jump for her from the top of the Palladium into the Hudson. The scenario writer has framed up something else for her but is spectacular but considerably less chilly.

John B. O'Brien for a long time associated with D. H. Griffith and director of many of Mary Pickford's successful plays, has joined Timmhouse.

William Russell in "The Thinker" will enact the role of the king of pickpockets of a great metropolis. As a "dip," Bill will put over something entirely different from anything he has heretofore attempted.

Peggy Hyland and Marc MacDermott are co-starring in a motion picture "The Grand Duke" for Vitaphone.

At the Vitaphone studio in Brooklyn work has already commenced on a scene called "The Grand Duke" with Earle Williams in the title role.

Miss Mae Marsh, who appeared in "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance" and other big features has left D. W. Griffith, and is the first of the screen stars to be announced by Goldwyn Pictures Corporation.

When W. S. Harris latest western thriller on the Triangle program is released it will introduce an entirely new leading woman to the screen in the person of Mary Maclover.

Irving Cummings is now a member of the William Fox forces and will play with Virginia Peterson in a new feature.

Bessie Barriscale the Franchise star will make her next appearance on the Triangle program in a psychological story by Leona Hilton prepared for the screen by Lambert Hillyer.

Pauline Frederick Thomas, who has been leading man and the rest of "The

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Indigestion. One package  
proves it. 25c at all druggists.

## SNAPPED ON THE BOULVARD WAS THIS SNAKE OUTLIT



GOOD TALK

Worn with a tailored suit of navy worsted invisibly striped with white, this luxurious stole of pointed fox cuts a perfect dash with its elegant and half again around the neck. The close fur is navy velvet with all very berries growing sweetly in front.

Slave Market companies have returned from a four week stay in the United States. The companies, which are of the Frederick Arnold Kummer type, are now in the United States.

Cleo Madison, the Universal film star and Don Peake, Pacific Coast representative of an automobile manufacturing company, were married in Louisville, Cal., recently.

Roy Stuart is the latest leading man to be added to the Triangle film stock company. He has been specifically engaged to play opposite William Glavin.

Flora Finch, the long time Vitaphone comedienne who appeared in many of the successful comedies, has signed a contract to appear in productions made by the Flora Finch Comedy Company.

Mrs. Charlotte Pickford, mother of Mary Pickford, underwent an operation and as the result of it, Pickford postponed all her studio work on her next picture. The Pick of the Clan for a week.

Norma Talmadge, who recently left Talmadge to appear at the start of her own producing company, under the Selznick banner, will soon be seen in the first of her new production, "Panther." The picture has been completed and Miss Talmadge is enjoying a delayed honeymoon trip with Joseph M. Shenk whom she recently married.

Dustin Farnum and William Desmond Taylor, who has been directing the Paramount photoplay for some months, have joined the William Fox forces of which a Dusty's brother, William, is already a member.

George Bonson, who has written a series of two-reel shorts under the title of "The Adventures of a Boy," has been featured in a picture by the Universal film company.

Phillips Smalley, the celebrated director of the Universal film company, has been ill for a month with pneumonia.

## INDIAN CHIEF

INDIAN CHIEF, Dec. 25—John Johnson of Mill Run was a business call in Connellsville yesterday.

The Indian Creek valley railroad has been up against the weathering the past week on account of their engine all out of commission. The South more & Ohio has come to the aid by lending them one of their engines for a few days until repairs can be made.

Mrs. John Pringley was calling on Connellsville friends and shopping yesterday.

S. M. Hutchinson of Mill Run was a business call in Connellsville and in town yesterday.

John Dull was a business call in Connellsville yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. Conway of Connellsville spent a few days at Davisburg holding revival meetings.

J. H. Pringley was a business call in Connellsville yesterday.

Rodney Woodmanly was a business visitor in Connellsville yesterday.

Nelson Trullinger of Roaring Run was a business call in Pittsburgh yesterday.

H. B. Brown of Confluence was a caller here yesterday.

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The condition of the wheat in the ground throughout the state gives every indication of a successful crop next year.

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## Iron is the Greatest of All Strength Builders, Says Doctor

A Secret of the Great Endurance and Power of Athletes

Doctors have long known that iron is the greatest of all strength builders. It is the secret of the great endurance and power of athletes.

At a recent meeting of the American Medical Association, Dr. J. H. Hays, of the University of Chicago, made a statement to the effect that iron is the greatest of all strength builders. He said that iron is the secret of the great endurance and power of athletes.

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One of the World's Greatest Comedians, Will Appear in  
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**Saturday, Dec. 30**  
Helen Rossen Will Appear in a Gripping Story of Love and Sacrifice Entitled  
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A Cub Comedy will furnish the fun. The big musical program furnished on Christmas will be repeated. Jimmie Garrow will sing Irving Berlin's latest success, **"YOU ARE THE SUNSHINE OF VIRGINIA"**

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MUTUAL PRESENTS WILLIAM RUSSELL IN  
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A POWERFUL ROMANTIC DRAMA IN FIVE ACTS

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PARAMOUNT PRESENTS BLANCHETTE SWEET IN  
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IN FIVE ACTS

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## EVERSON BOROUGH SIGNS A CONTRACT FOR STREET LAMPS

Town is to be Lighted by  
Electricity in the  
Future.

## GAS LIGHTS TO BE DISCARDED

Watch Night Services Will be Held  
in the Scituate Methodist Episcopal  
Church Sunday, Beginning at  
9 P. M. Other Mill Town Notes.

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—Everton is to be an electric lighted borough. Hereafter the streets in Everton have been lighted with gas, but a contract has been signed with the West Penn for 25 lights. Three 250-watt lights will be placed on Brown street and the other 20 will be 80-watt lights and will be distributed over the town. It will likely be a month or six weeks until the poles are erected and wires strung so that the lights can be put in.

Misses Eleanor and Mildred Vahner gave a dinner at their home on Tuesday evening for Miss Virginia Brennan who is home from Mount De Chateau for the holiday vacation. Covers were laid for ten. Miss Mary, guest of Ackworth of Mount Pleasant, was the only out of town guest present.

Watch Night Service.  
On Sunday evening, December 31, at 9 P. M. the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church will begin their watch night services, occupying the auditorium. The first hour will be spent with the topic, "Beginning All Over Again," with A. T. Humpal as leader. At 10:30 P. M. there will be a sermon by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Teichert. This will be followed by prayer and experience meeting and will close with a consecration service.

Notes.  
John Warwick of Scituate underwent an operation at the Memorial hospital at Mount Pleasant yesterday. Mrs. T. C. Trayman and daughter, also of Pittsburgh are the guests of Mrs. A. B. Fretts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Courtney have returned to their Pittsburgh home after a visit paid here.

Miss Elizabeth May has returned from Republic where she spent Christmas with her parents.

H. R. Alken who spent Christmas at his home at Titusville has returned home.

Mrs. J. W. Suter of Connelville and Mrs. Edwin Dawson of Uniontown spent yesterday with Mrs. L. H. Fuller of Parker avenue.

Mrs. R. H. Parker and Mrs. A. J. Skemp spent Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Lloyd Pisholt of Altoona is the guest of friends here.

Mr. Morris returned home yesterday from Pittsburgh where he visited friends.

Howard S. Newman is spending a few days in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Foster Van Horn have as their guests Mrs. William Price of Meyersdale and Rev. and Mrs. John Van Horn of Fosterville.

Mrs. L. C. Kenler and family spent yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Frank Levally has returned to Monessen after a visit at his home here.

Miss Margaret McWilliams spent yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Edward Lane visited Republic friends for a few days.

Miss Helen Bosworth spent yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Miss Anna Dick was a caller in Pittsburgh yesterday.

## CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 28.—Mrs. W. C. Keener of Johnstown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. K. Thrasher, of Lafayette avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Unbel of Akron, O., are visiting Mr. Unbel's parents and other relatives here at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bird of Harrisburg were here yesterday on their way home from a visit with friends at Jeantown.

Harry Drumbaugh of Harrisburg was a visitor here with friends, a few days this week.

Harry Watson has returned to his work at East Pittsburgh after visiting his family here a few days.

Ray Shaw is home from school at Meadown, spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw.

Mrs. Jess Coughenour has returned

to her home in Connelville after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dowlin were visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dowlin, here several days. They returned to their home in Williamsburg yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Boggs of Connelville have returned home after a several days' visit with friends here.

Lucille Rutworth, who has been ill for several months, is improving slowly.

Charles D. Beggs was a business visitor to Pittsburgh yesterday.

Cyrus Shaw of Chippendale was in town on business yesterday.

Rev. J. P. McDonald of New Florence has returned home after a visit with his brother, L. E. McDonald.

T. K. Pullin of this place and James Hanna of Dumas left yesterday for Baltimore on business.

Mrs. Ben Conway of Rockwood visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Weaver and daughter, Jean, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Conway in Rockwood.

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THIS COLD CURE

"Pape's Cold Compound"  
Ends Cold and Grippe in  
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Take "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until you have taken three doses, then all grippe misery goes and your cold will be broken. It promptly opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves the headache, dizziness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffling. Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.—Adv.

## MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhoades returned to their home in Jenner on Wednesday, after a week's visit here with relatives and friends.

John S. Weikland of Charleston, W. Va., is spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weikland of Meyers avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hammond of Cumberland, came here Monday to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Hammond returned home on Tuesday but Mrs. Hammond will remain for a week with her mother, Mrs. Louise Siler.

Mrs. Frank Price of Van Lear, Ky., arrived here Monday and is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Payne. She will be joined by her husband later.

Mrs. William Sturges and daughter of Oakland, Md., are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hocking.

Mr. Frank Hoffman has gone to Bedford, where she is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hoffman.

D. A. Friedline was a business visitor to Cumberland Tuesday.

Miss Lydia Holtzhauser of Rockwood, spent Tuesday visiting friends here.

J. A. Graves of Akron, O., formerly of this place, is here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. H. Bruce of Palmer, Ind., is spending the week here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Commons who visited here for a few days with relatives, returned to their home in Dowsell yesterday.

Patrons those who advertise.

## THE NEW YEAR.

Make It Give You the Thing You Want.

Perhaps there is something you greatly desire—an automobile, a trip through the Great West, a home of your own, a good investment bond or money to start in business. You can have anything you want if you want it badly enough. The beginning of the New Year is a good time to start saving for it. Open an account at the First National. And as much as you can to it until the thing you want is yours.—Adv.

## DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 28.—Mrs. L. E. Canoe returned home from Charleroi accompanied by her sister, Miss Irene Perding.

William Kernin returned to Fairbro after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kernin of Connelville street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Slater returned to their home at Barborton, O., after spending a few days here with relatives on Bryson Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wishart of Trotter, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mrs. Nancy Patterson of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson of Bryson Hill.

Union prayer meeting will be held next week in the different churches of the town.

Rev. H. L. Humbert returned Tuesday from Fairchance.

Miss Mabel Kimball was shopping Tuesday in Connelville.


Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fowler of Homestead, are visiting relatives here near the Green house.

Clarence Smith of Pittsburgh, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith of Speers' Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foltz and family spent Sunday with relatives in Connelville.

## How in Stock Market.


NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The publication of the latest German proposals was followed by a moderate increase in activity in the stock market today with a gradual rise in prices. The market previously had been extremely dull.



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Up to \$2.50 Muffs, \$1.00  
Fine quality black or brown  
Coney Muffs for ladies, made in  
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Up to \$5.00 Shoes, \$2.89  
Famous "Red Cross" and "Sore-  
le" Shoes for women in Russia  
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mostly all sizes.

## COUPON

\$3.50 Contings, Yard, 98c  
Special purchase of Calcutta  
Coating in gray, brown and tan; 56  
inches wide, extra heavy quality

## COUPON

Up to \$1.50 Union Suits, 97c  
Ribbed Union Suits for men in  
either silver gray or light, new  
color, well made and finished, mostly  
all sizes

## COUPON

25c Curtain Serim, 12 1/2c  
Neat Curtain Serim material in  
white, cream or tan, finished with  
attractive open work borders.

## COUPON

Up to 69c Shirts, 47c  
Men's Working Shirts, made of  
gentle Blue Bell Chambray, faced  
sleeves, reinforced seams, all sizes.

## COUPON

\$2.00 Rain Capes, 98c  
Children's waterproof Rain Capes  
with hood attached, made of dark  
striped rubberized materials; while  
they last.

## COUPON

Up to 15c Paper, 7c  
Double rolls of Wall Paper, beautiful  
patterns, suitable for any  
room in the house, some with border.

## COUPON

\$1.00 Broadcloth, 75c  
Extra fine quality Broadcloth, 50  
inches wide in either red or tan  
shade; a very desirable material.

## COUPON

Up to \$1.39 Dresses, 98c  
Well known "Electric" made  
House Dresses for women made in  
adjustable style of percales and  
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## COUPON

\$1.39 Sweaters at 97c  
Well made Sweaters for men in  
all sizes; colors include dark ox-  
ford and medium tan; shawl collar.

## COUPON

\$1.00 Handkerchiefs, 72c  
Best quality initial Handkerchiefs  
for men, very neatly finished, 6 to  
the box; box only at 72c.

## COUPON

\$1.39 Hats for 90c  
A special lot of women's and  
misses' untrimmed hats in black,  
only, good selection of styles and  
materials.

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\$1.95 Dresses for 98c  
Children's Dresses in sizes from  
6 to 14; new styles; fashioned in  
gingham, rattice and other  
materials.

## COUPON

\$1.00 Outing Gowns, 69c  
Women's Outing Gowns in plain  
colors or pink and blue stripes;  
your choice of either high or low  
neck

## COUPON

\$1.50 Bed Spreads, \$1.19  
White crocheted Bed Spreads, large  
size very newest patterns in  
chamois, hemmed, and some  
fringed.

## COUPON

\$1.98 Shoes at \$1.59  
Good wearing quality Shoes for  
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gun metal in either button or lace  
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## COUPON

50c Blankets at 39c  
Regular full size Baby Blankets  
in many real designs in pink or  
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## COUPON

50c Towels for 39c  
Turkish Bath Towels of extra  
large size and good heavy weight;  
very absorbent. Our very best 50c  
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## COUPON

Up to 75c Pants, 47c  
Boys' Knoc Pants in all sizes,  
made in Knickerbocker style of  
serviceable materials in light or  
dark colors

## COUPON

50c Trimmings, 19c  
Your choice of Millinery trim-  
mings such as feathers, fancies and  
big variety of all kinds of flowers.

## COUPON

50c Gloves at 39c  
Men's Woolen Gloves in either  
gray or black, very closely knitted,  
some with clasps, some plain

## COUPON

65c Door Mats, 48c  
Extra heavy quality rubber Door  
Mats, size 14x26 inches; the thing  
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A special lot of Women's Skirts,  
medium and heavy weight, dark  
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Children's trimmed Hats in all  
colors and shades this season's  
styles, large assortment to choose  
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39c Toques at 21c  
Children's Toques in all shades,  
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all sizes in the assortment.

## COUPON

69c Sweaters at 47c  
Boys' Sweaters with shawl col-  
lar in sizes 30, 32 and 34, gray only.  
All well made and finished

## COUPON

75c Sets at 49c  
Women's fancy Apron and Cap  
to match, trimmed very neatly with  
fine lace, all fresh and clean.

## COUPON

Up to \$1.50 Waists, \$1.19  
A very big assortment of Waists  
Waists, just arrived; full range of  
sizes, best style collars and sleeves  
or trimmings

## COUPON

\$4.50 Children's Coats, \$2.95  
This season's style coats for chil-  
dren, winter weight, neat materials  
to close out while they last only

## COUPON

95c Poplins for 79c  
Silk and Cotton Poplins in many  
wanted colors beautiful lustrous  
finish 36 inches wide; a very special  
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59c Sheets, 47c  
Full double bed size, 72x90, made  
of good quality Muslin and hemmed  
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89c Blankets, 75c  
Good quality Cotton Blanket, full  
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Up to \$1.25 Slippers, 95c  
Women's Felt Slippers, fur or  
ribbon trimmed, good selection of  
variety of colors; mostly all sizes.

## COUPON

\$5.00 Hand Bags, \$1.99  
Real German Silver Hand Bags,  
for women and misses; large size,  
newest style, but slightly soiled  
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\$1.00 Corset at 79c  
Long hip, medium bust Corset for  
women, in all sizes; made of good  
quality coutil with 4 supporters at-  
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The very newest style Skating  
Sets, in plain and combination col-  
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Large size upright style pianos,  
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## FURNACES SHORT HUNDREDS OF TIMES THE VOLUME OF SPOT COKE THAT IS OFFERED

The Market No Longer an  
Index to Scarcity  
In Supply.

### MORE FURNACES ARE BANKED

United States Steel Corporation Now  
Has More Than 30% of Its Stocks  
Idle for Lack of Coke. Independent  
No Better Fixed. No Contract Talk.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—The spot coke market is no longer the least index to the scarcity of coke, for the amount of coke by which the furnaces are short is but a small fraction of the volume of coke that has been offered in the spot market the past few weeks. As there is no disposition on the part of either producers or consumers to attempt to negotiate contracts when contracts now existing are not being carried out, the contract market has become a nominal one.

Week before last the Carnegie Steel Company banked out four blast furnaces because it became evident that it would be impossible to supply them continuously with coke during the next few months. Late last week it banked 14 furnaces because there was not enough coke to carry them over the holidays, and while it hoped the furnaces would resume by the middle of this week they have not done so, the prospects being rather that more stacks will have to be banked. The company has a total of 57 furnaces, so that more than 25 per cent. of its stacks are idle for lack of coke. When this is the case, with the company's facilities for making coke and expediting its movement, it could not be expected that other furnaces would find themselves in anything like as bad a condition. Whether conditions are worse or better, on the whole, with the other United States Steel Corporation subsidiaries and with the independents, they are very bad all around.

The chief difficulty is coke shortage, but short from coke shortage there are the numerous embargoes, a continually increasing list, whereby when one has cars for loading he can ship them only to certain points. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, for instance, has a tight embargo all around and will accept no loaded cars for destinations off its own lines, in any direction. It is running its own business exclusively and apparently it is running it quite well. The Pennsylvania, on the other hand, has few embargoes, but it also has few cars, and thus there is trouble for coke maker and the blast furnace in all directions.

The worst feature of the situation is that there is no prospect of its getting any better in the near future. It is the common opinion that conditions will be worse before they are better, and there are no signs that the balance of probabilities is that within a short time the production of pig iron by blast furnaces tributary to the Conneltsville coke region will be no more than half the capacity, on account of lack of coke, the furnaces running slow, being banked or being blown out altogether. For weeks the railroads have been claiming that they were getting the situation better in hand and predicting relief for the near future. If one gives the railroads credit for doing the very best they can, for emptying all the human mind, then he is driven to the conclusion that the physical condition makes relief impossible. The physical condition that could not be relieved by system and management is a shortage of motive power, too few locomotives, and too bad conditions for the locomotives in existence. That, in the opinion of many observers, is the whole trouble.

Coke operators who used to glory in a high priced market have changed their views, as times have shown that beyond a certain point high prices for coke can occur only under conditions that are injurious to producers and consumers alike.

Not enough coke is being sold to make a real market, and there would be no considerable tonnage bought even at prices materially below those quoted in some quarters as "the market." The nearest approach to quotations that would be representative of conditions seems to be the schedule given below, but the prices named are really practically nominal.

Contract furnace ..... \$1.00  
Spot furnace ..... \$1.00  
Contract foundry ..... \$1.00  
Spot foundry ..... \$1.00

The pig iron market has been very quiet since last report, the only interest shown by buyers being in small lots of foundry and malleable for prompt shipment. Premiums are ob-

### COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

Conditions in the coke trade simply index the transportation situation. The railroads are physically unable to move cars fast enough to carry the coke the region can produce and which consumers badly need. The possibility of 100% car supply was shown a year ago in record shipments of 151,000 tons. The penalty for partial supply was shown last week by a drop to 322,000 tons, a loss of 125,000 tons in the year, 100,000 of which were lost during the last fortnight.

Production is both reduced and limited by shipments more closely than formerly, many plants having reached the limits of their storage facilities.

The spot coke market is no longer an index to the scarcity of coke. Furnaces are short many hundreds of times the quantity that is being offered. Embargoes are adding to transportation difficulties. Railroads seem to have reached the limit of improving conditions as to car supply and service with their existing motive power equipment.

All coke prices are nominal, \$1.00 for spot furnace and \$1.00 for spot foundry representing present prices. Contract negotiations are completely suspended.

### TRANSPORTATION CENTER OF INTEREST

In the Iron and Steel Trades Increasing Embargoes Place New Limitations on All Traffic Movement.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Transportation conditions are the center of interest in the iron and steel trade and will be the governing factor as to production for several months.

If important price advances occur they will be for prompt material and will be due to curtailment of shipments owing to transportation facilities being inadequate.

The Carnegie Steel Company, with coke ovens of its own and some transportation resources of its own, had 20 of its 57 blast furnaces inactive over the holidays, chiefly in furnaces banked last week with expectation of a resumption this week that now seems improbable. Some other interests have faced as bad, or worse. If there is any spot coke offered it is at ruinous prices. There is hardly any coal offered, even at famine prices.

Cars for the shipment of finished steel are as scarce, but they are very scarce. A more important limitation is the increasing list of embargoes, whereby loaded cars are frequently not accepted by the railroads, and often the perplexity of the traffic manager is as to whether he should release empty cars or should hold them under demurrage or per diem charges against a possible lifting of embargoes. Already there has resulted some restriction in finished steel production, though nothing large, while conditions threaten a restriction of one-fourth, one-third, or even more, in production before the railroad lines are cleared.

In some quarters it is believed that the management is as good as possible and that the trouble is wholly a lack of motive power, through locomotives being in poor shape and if that is the case conditions are likely to grow worse rather than better.

Buyers of steel have concluded that price advances, on the whole, are done with, and last week's \$2 a ton advance in bars, plates and shapes, occurring in a dull market, is interpreted in some quarters as a direct indication of the fact, the advance being regarded as a finishing touch, to make more secure the business already on books.

To Operate in West Va.

The Stern-Fairmont Coal Company of Wynt, W. Va., has been incorporated to operate in Marion county; capital, \$100,000. Joseph Stern and George E. Johnson of Parkersburg; Leo Stern, Bertha Stern and Ross Stern of Uniontown.

To Build More Furnaces.

The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company will build two furnaces at the Cambria plant, Johnstown.

### BY-PRODUCTS FROM LIGNITE

Geological Survey Impressed with the Results of Recovery Tests.

By extending the by-product principle of coke-making to lignites, profitable exploitation has been accomplished which has impressed the Geological Survey with its possibilities.

The fact that the American Coal Refining Company, of Denver, has found it possible to recover valuable tars and oils from lignite, as well as a residue, which practically is the equivalent of anthracite in composition, leads to the belief that the process can be applied successfully to the brown lignites of North Dakota and eastern Montana, as well as to the black lignites of Colorado.

The larger sizes of the residue are being sold in direct competition with anthracite. The dust and fine sizes are being briquetted. One of the oils, which is a by-product of the process, is becoming increasingly popular for use in connection with kerosene. The demand for this is expected to add materially to the profit which can be earned in treating lignite.

Gifts for Pastor

He Gets Purse During Entertainment at Prittsstown Church.

The Mount Carmel United Evangelical Sunday school at Prittsstown, held their Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening, December 25. The songs, recitations and exercises by the children were well rendered. The church was nicely decorated. The entertainment all through was good. Miss Mary Kough and Miss Mabel Patch deserve much credit for their labor in getting up and conducting the entertainment.

The pastor, Rev. P. L. Berkley, was very much surprised when he was interrupted by Benito Truxal and Margaret Strong in addressing the congregation as they came marching down the aisle and landed the speaker a basket containing \$22 in money as a token and esteem of their pastor, \$20 of which was in gold, for which the speaker thanked the donors very much for their kindness.

DICKERSON RUN.

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 28.—Mrs. James Beatty was calling on Vanderbilt friends last evening.

Faber Baum, who is attending Mount Union College at Alliance, O., is spending his vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Baum, at Dawson.

Walter Lloyd of Scituate spent last evening visiting his brother-in-law, James Beatty.

Prof. A. M. Snyder, principal of the East Liberty public schools, is spending his vacation with relatives and friends at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Cecil Radman and daughter, Miss Millie Lint, and Mrs. John Gray have returned to their homes at Uniontown after spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lint at Lookout Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Beatty have returned home after a few days' visit with their son and daughter-in-law, field.

Charles Newcomer has returned after spending a few days at his home at Confluence.

Walter Rabinson, Jr., was a recent business caller at Conneltsville.

PENNSVILLE, Dec. 28.—Patrick Houston of Youngstown, O., is spending a few days this week visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Houston.

Misses Ruth and Harriet Mier are spending a few days this week visiting in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Lehart and son Donald, and daughter Frances, spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Hyatt of Conneltsville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richey and family are visiting at the home of Mrs. Richey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sanner at Indian Head.

Preaching services in the Mount Olive United Brethren Church on next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

P. H. R. Buys Property.

The Pennsylvania railroad has purchased two tracts of land at Youngwood from Little and Robert Ellis. The larger plot, containing 3,659 square feet, adjoins the railroad station property at Youngwood.

Wycol Fike Co. Buy Coal.

The Wycol Fike Company has bought 67.8 acres of Pittsburgh coal in Homestead township, Westmoreland county, from the Keystone Coal and Coke Company; consideration \$5,000.

### OHIOPIE.

OHIOPIE, Dec. 27.—Miss Olive Cunningham and Frank Cunningham were shopping in Conneltsville Saturday.

William Hershberger departed for Mount Pleasant Saturday for a short visit with relatives.

John Waters was a business caller in Conneltsville Saturday.

J. D. Fry left yesterday for Markleysburg to spend a few days.

Miss Gwendoline Holt was visiting Conneltsville relatives Saturday.

J. M. Queer was a caller in Conneltsville Saturday.

Ray Wolf of Swetsville, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Arnold Show of Morgantown, is spending a few days with relatives at and near here.

George Bynworth of Pittsburgh, is spending a few days at his home here.

William Stevenson, a Conneltsville business caller Saturday.

Harry and Edward Corstian returned to Swetsville, after spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Ona Harbaugh and Miss Lena Mitchell of Fayette City, are spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Edgar Glotzky of Conneltsville, is visiting relatives here.

Benjamin Corstian of Akron, O., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Uniontown, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. John Tanten of Conneltsville, arrived here Sunday to spend a few days with relatives.

Walter McFarland of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

### PERRYOPOLIS.

PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Annie Blair and Miss Mae McKee left yesterday to attend the funeral of their brother, Dr. Joseph McKee at Carnegie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair left on Tuesday for their home at Coraopolis, after spending Christmas with friends here.

The funeral of George Jordan will be held from the home of Lynn Stickle today at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Blair, a business caller at Harrisburg.

Miss Clara Hixenbaugh who has been ill with tonsillitis, is able to be up again.

Sam Martin of Uniontown, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Salladay of Altoona, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Slocum.

M. E. Strawn of Dawson, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keener of Monaca, returned to their home yesterday after spending several days with friends at Harrisburg.

J. Eskin of Star Junction, and Nina Mae Carson of this place were married in Cumberland on Tuesday.

Dr. J. L. Cochran of Dawson, was a caller here yesterday.

Mrs. E. O. Blair has returned to her home here after spending a couple of weeks with friends at Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hughland of Columbus, O., visited over Christmas with friends and relatives here.

R. L. Eslington was transacting business in Vanderburgh yesterday.

### DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 28.—Mrs. William Anderson of the Furnace left today for Smithfield where she will visit relatives for a few days.

J. W. McNulty was a business caller here Wednesday.

William Stevenson, manager of the Pennsylvania Wire Glass Company, is spending a few days in Philadelphia at his home.

Andrew Wishart was a business caller in Conneltsville yesterday.

Antonio Butano was a business caller here Wednesday.

Stevenson Majors visited yesterday on the West Side, Conneltsville.

Andrew Langray returned home from Youngwood where he has been employed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore and child returned to their home in Conneltsville after spending Christmas at the latter's home on Bryson Hill. Miss Edna DeMott accompanied her sister home.

Mrs. Joseph Gensoner returned home from Morgantown, W. Va., after spending a few days with relatives.

COKE WORKERS GET BONUS.

By-Product Concerns Make Division of Profits With Their Employees.

The Milwaukee Coke & Gas Company, Milwaukee, subsidiary of the Senot Solvay Company, and two other by-product coke companies controlled by the same concern in that city, have offered the third bonus of 10 per cent to their employees.

The bonus applies to salaried workmen as well as wage earners. About 1,200 employees will benefit by the company's action.

# Yough Trust Co.

## Christmas Savings Club

We have been so busy during the past week that we have not had time to announce the opening of the 1917 Christmas Savings Club. The Club opens formally on the 20th of December, but you can join any time from now on during the next thirty days.

It is hardly necessary to enter into an explanation of the idea and objects of the Club. It is so well known to the majority of Conneltsville people. If you don't know how it operates, call at the bank, we will be glad to explain it.

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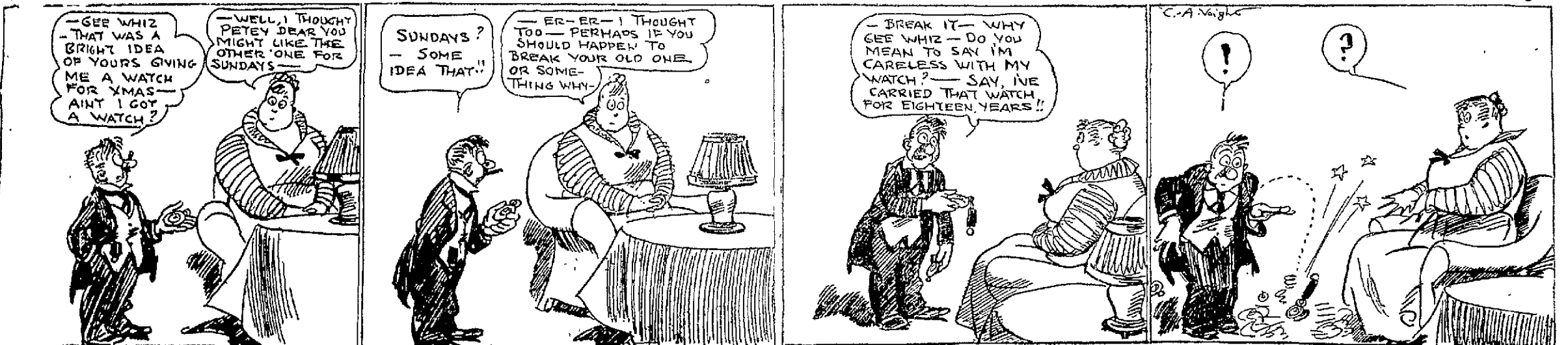
Women who are internally deranged find in these treatments the adjustment of healthy bodily conditions, pain ceases, the dragging and sagging feelings disappear and then comes the welcome sensibility of health. Ladies will please have their husbands or a member of their family accompany them in calling.

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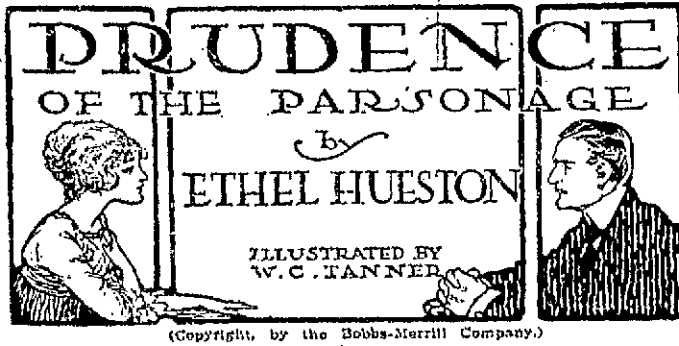
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## PETEY DINK—Let This Be a Lesson! Don't Repeat Again!



By C. A. Voight.





"I must be confessed that there were many serious faces among the Ladies. Some cheeks were flushed, some eyes were downcast, some lips were compressed and some were trembling. Every mother there was asking in her heart, 'Did I punish my children just for the effect on me? Did I judge my children by what was in their hearts, or just by the trouble they made me?'"

And the silence lasted so long that it became awkward. Finally Mrs. Prudence crossed the room and stood by Prudence's side. She laid a hand gently on the young girl's arm, and said in a voice that was slightly tremulous: "I believe you are right, my dear. It is what girls are at heart that really counts. I believe your sisters are really sure of it. And one thing I am very sure of—they are happy girls to have a sister to prevent and loving and just. Not all real mothers have as much to their credit!"

## CHAPTER IV.

A Secret Society.

Carol and Lark, in keeping with their twinning, were the dearest chums and comrades. To them the great, rambling barn back of the parsonage was a most delightful place. It had a big cowshed on one side, and horse stalls on the other, with a "hayrack" hayrack over all, and with "chutes" for the descent of hay—and twigs!

Now the twins had a secret society—of which they were the founders, the officers and the membership body. Its name was Skull and Crossbones. Lark furnished the basic power for the organization, but her sister was an enthusiastic and energetic second. Carol's club name was Lady Gwendolyn, and Lark's was Sir Alfred Anglemont, although subject to frequent change. The old barn was suffering three after the coming of the new parsonage finally.

"Hark! Hark!" sounded a hissing whisper from the corner, and Constance, peering outside the barn, shivered sympathetically.

"What is it? Oh, what is it?" wailed the unfortunate lady.

"Look! Look! Run for your life!" Then while Constance clutched the barn door in a frenzy, there was a sound of rattling corn as the twins scrambled upward, a silence, a low thud, and an automatic "ouch" as Carol bumped her head and stumbled.

"Are you assaulted?" shouted the bold Sir Alfred, and Constance heard a wild scuffle as he rescued his companion from the clutches of the old halter on which she had stumbled.

The hayrack ladder they hurried, and they slid recklessly down the hay chutes. Presently the barn door was flung open, and the "society" knuckled Constance flying backward, ran madly around the barn a few times, and scurried under the fence and into the chicken coop.

A little later Constance, assailed with shots of corn, ran bitterly toward the house. "Peeking" was strictly forbidden when the twins were engaged in Skull and Crossbones activities.

And Constance's soul burned with desire. She felt that this secret society was threatening not only her happiness, but also her health, for she could not sleep for horrible dreams of Skull and Crossbones at night, and could not eat for envious the twins' secret and mysterious joys. Finally she appealed to Prudence, and received assistance.

The afternoon mail brought to the parsonage an envelope addressed to "Misses Carol and Lark Starr, the Methodist Parsonage, Mount Mark, Pa." and in the lower left-hand corner was a surreptitious drawing of a Skull and Crossbones. The eyes of the mischievous twins twinkled with delight when they saw it, and they hurried it to the barn for prompt perusal. It read as follows:

Miss Constance Starr humbly and respectfully craves admittance into the Ancient and Honorable Organization of Skull and Crossbones.

The twins pondered long on a fitting reply, and the next afternoon the postman brought a letter for Constance, which she opened with a gasp, for it was addressed to the twins about it at noon that day.

"Did you get my application?" she had whispered nervously.

But the twins had stared her out of countenance, and Constance realized that she had committed a serious breach of secret society etiquette.

But here was the letter! Her fingers trembled as she opened it. It was decorated lavishly with skulls and crossbones, splashed with red ink, and written in the same suggestive color.

Skull and Crossbones, great in mercy and in condescension, has listened graciously to the prayer of Constance, the dearest, for the length of two weeks, and in the will of Skull and Crossbones, she shall be admitted into the Ancient and Honorable Order.

The week that followed was a gala one for the twins of Skull and Crossbones. Constance swept their room, made their beds, washed their dishes, did their chores, and in every way behaved as a model pledge of the ancient and honorable. The twins were gracious but firm. There was no arguing and no faltering. It is the will of Skull and Crossbones that the damsel do this, they would say. And the damsel did it.

Prudence did not feel it was a case that called for her interference. So she sat back and watched, while the twins told stories, read and frolicked, and Constance did their daily tasks.

A week passed, ten days, and twelve. Then came a golden October afternoon when the twins sat in the hayrack looking out upon a mellow world. Constance was in the yard, reading a fairy story. The situation was a tense one,

for the twins were hungry, and time was heavy on their hands.

"The apple trees in Avery's orchard are just loaded," said Lark. "And there are lots on the ground, too. I saw them when I was out in the field this morning."

Constance gazed down into the yard where Constance was absorbed in her book. "Constance oughtn't to read as much as she does," she argued. "It's so bad for the eyes."

"Yes, and what's more, she's been getting off too easy for the last few days. The time is nearly up."

"That's no!" said Lark. "Let's call her up here." This was done at once, and the unfortunate Constance stood before them respectfully, as they had instructed her to stand. The twins hesitated, each secretly hoping the other would voice the order. But Lark, as usual, was obliged to be the spokesman.

"Damsel," she said, "it is the will of Skull and Crossbones that you die ye to yonder orchard—Avery's I mean—and bring hither some of the golden apples basking in the sun."

"What!" ejaculated Constance, startled out of her respect.

Carol frowned.

Constance hastened to modify her tone. "Did they say you might have them?" she inquired politely.

"That concerns thee not; 'tis for thee only to render obedience to the orders of the Society. Go out through our field and sneak under the fence where the wires are loose, and hurry back. We're awfully hungry. The trees are near the fence. There isn't any danger."

"But it's stealing!" objected Constance.

"What will Prudence—"

"Damsel!" And Constance turned to obey with despair in her heart.

"Bring twelve," Carol called after her. "That'll be four apiece. And hurry, Constance. And see they don't catch you while you're about it."

After she had gone the twins lay back thoughtfully on the hay and stared at the cobwebby roof above them in silence for a while. Something was hurting them, but whether it was their fear of the wrath of Prudence or the twinges of tender consciences—who can say?

"She's an unearthly long time about it," exclaimed Lark at last. "Do you suppose they caught her?"

"This was an awful thought, and the girls were temporarily unfocused. But they heard the barn door swinging beneath them, and sighed with relief. It was Constance! She climbed the ladder skillfully, and poured her golden treasures before the arch-thieves, Skull and Crossbones.

There were eight big, tempting apples.

"Hut! Hut!" said Carol sternly. "I said twelve."

"Yes, but I was afraid someone was coming. I heard such a noise through the grapevines, so I got what I could and ran for it. There's three apiece for you, and two for me," said Constance, sitting down sociably beside them on the hay.

But Carol rose. "Damsel, begone," she ordered. "When Skull and Crossbones feast, thou canst not get shares of the festive board. Hie thee, and speed."

Constance rose, and walked soberly toward the ladder. But before she disappeared she fired this parting shot: "I don't want any of them. Stolen apples don't taste very good, I reckon."

Carol and Lark had the grace to dash a little at this, but however the stolen apples tasted, the twins had no difficulty in disposing of them. Then Lark almost forgot the point of the story. They slid down the hay chutes, went out the back way, turned the corner, and came quietly in through the front door of the parsonage.

Prudence was in the kitchen preparing the evening meal. Fairy was in the sitting room, busy with her books. The twins set the table conscientiously, filled the woodbox, and in every way labored irreproachably. But Prudence had no word of praise for them that evening. She hardly seemed to know they were about the place. She went about her work with a pale face, and never a smile to be seen.

Supper was nearly ready when Constance sauntered in from the barn. After leaving the hayrack, she had found a cozy corner in the corner, with two heavy laprobes discarded by the twins in their flight from wolves, and had settled down there to drench her story. As she stepped into the kitchen Prudence turned to her with such a sorry, reproachful gaze that Constance was frightened.

"Are you sick, Prue?" she gasped.

Prudence did not answer. She went to the door and called Fairy. "Finish getting supper, will you, Fairy? And when you are all ready, you and the twins go right on eating. Don't wait for father—he isn't coming home until evening. Come upstairs with me, Constance. I want to talk to you."

Constance followed her sister soberly, and the twins flashed at each other, staring and questioning looks.

The three girls were at table when Prudence came into the dining room alone. She fixed a tray-supper quietly and retired it off upstairs. Then she came back and sat down by the table, but her face bore marks of tears, and she had no appetite. The twins had felt small illing for their food before; now each mouthful seemed to choke them. But they dared not ask a question. They were devoutly thankful when Fairy finally voiced their interest.

"What is the matter? Has Constance been in mischief?"

"It's worse than that," faltered Prudence, tears rushing to her eyes again.

"Why, Prudence? What in the world has she done?"

"I may as well tell you, I suppose—you'll have to know it sooner or later. She went out into Avery's orchard and stole some apples this afternoon. I was back in the alley seeing if Mrs. Meow could do the washing, and I saw her from the other side. She went from tree to tree, and when she got through the fence she ran. There's no mistake about it—she confessed." The twins looked up in agony, but Prudence's face reassured them. Constance had told no tales. "I had told her she must spend all of her time upstairs alone for a week, taking her meals there, too. She will go to school, of course, but that is all. I want her to see the awfulness of it. I told her I didn't think we wanted to eat with—"



"I Got What I Could and Ran."

a thief—just yet! I said we must get used to the idea of it first. She is heartbroken, but—I must make her see it!"

That was the end of supper. No one attempted to eat another bite. After the girls had gone into the sitting room, Carol and Lark went about their work with stricken faces. They asked if they might speak to Constance, but Prudence went in with them to say good night to her. The twins broke down and cried as they saw the pitiful little figure with the wan and tear-stained face. They threw their arms around her passionately and kissed her many times. But they went to bed without saying anything.

It was a sorry night for the twins. The next morning they set off to school, with no chance for anything but a brief good morning with Constance—given in the presence of Prudence. Half-way down the parsonage walk, Carol said:

"Oh, wait a minute. Lark, I left my notebook on the table." And Lark walked slowly while Carol went rushing back. She found Prudence in the kitchen, and whispered:

"Here—here's a note, Prudence. Don't read it until after I've gone to school—at ten o'clock you may read it. Will you promise?"

Prudence laughed a little, but she promised, and hid the note carefully away to wait the appointed hour for its perusal. As the clock struck ten she went to the parsonage and took it down. This is what Carol had written:

"Oh, Prudence, do please forgive me, and don't punish Constance any more. You can punish me any way you like, and I'll be glad of it. It was all my fault. I made her go and get the apples for me, and I ate them. Constance didn't eat one of them. She said stolen apples would not taste very good. It was all my fault, and I'm so sorry."

As Prudence read this her face grew very stern. Carol's fault! At that moment Prudence heard someone running through the hall, and thrust the note hastily into her dress. It was Lark, and she hung breathless wildly up at Prudence, waiting for the verdict.

"What is the matter, Lark?" she cried, really frightened. "Are you sick?"

"Heart sick, that's all," wailed Lark. "I told the teacher I was sick so I could come home, but I'm not. Oh, Prudence, I know you'll despise and abhor me all the rest of your life, and everybody will, and I deserve it. For I stole those apples myself."

Prudence was surprised and puzzled. She drew the note from her pocket and gave it to Lark. "Carol gave me that before she went to school," she explained. "Read it, and tell me what you are driving at. I think you are both crazy. Or maybe you are just trying to shield poor Constance."

Lark read Carol's note, and gasped, and burst out laughing! The girls, the bitter weeping and persuasions, had rendered her hysterical, and now she laughed and cried until Prudence was alarmed again.

In time, however, Lark was able to explain. "We both did it," she gasped. "The Skull and Crossbones. And we both told the truth about it. You're a dear, sweet, good little darling, that's what you are."

"Oh, Prudence!" That was all Constance said, but something in her voice made Prudence hang up the receiver quickly, and cry bitterly!

That noon Prudence pronounced judgment on the sinners, but her eyes twinkled, for Carol and Lark had scolded each other roundly for giving things away!

"Constance should have refused to obey you," she said, gently, holding Constance in her arms. "But she has been punished more than enough. But you twines! In the first place, I right now abolish the Skull and Crossbones forever and ever. And you cannot play in the barn again for a month. And you must go over to the Avery's this

afternoon and tell them about it, and pay for the apples. And you must send all of your spending money for the next month to that woman who is gathering up things for the bad little children in the reform school—that will help you remember what happens to boys and girls who get in the habit of taking things on the spur of the moment!"

The twins accepted all of this graciously, except that which referred to confessing their sin to their neighbors. That did hurt! The twins were so superior, and admirable! "They couldn't bear to ruin their reputations. But Prudence stood firm, in spite of their weeping and wailing. And that afternoon two shame-faced sorry girls crept meekly in at the Avery's door to make their peace."

"But about the Skull and Crossbones? It's mostly punishment for me, Prue," said Constance regretfully, "for the twins have been in it ever since we came to Mount Mark, and I never got in at all! And I wanted them to call me Lady Magdalene Featherington!" And Constance sighed.

## CHAPTER V.

Lessons in Etiquette.

Constance was lying flat on her back near the register. The twins were sitting on the floor near her, hearing each other conjugate Latin verbs. And Prudence, with her darling basket, was earnestly trying to get three pairs of wearisome stockings out of eleven less than perfect. She fairly found them as she came in, radiant and glowing.

"Glorious day," she said, glancing impatiently at her sisters. "Just glorious! Constance, you should be out of doors this minute, by all means. Twins aren't you grown up enough to sit or chairs, or won't your feet reach the floor?"

"Babble, Eugene Babler, you know—is coming to spend the evening, Prudence."

The whole family came to attention at this.

"Oh, goody!" cried Constance. "Let's make taffy."

"Yes," agreed Carol with enthusiasm. "Carol was always enthusiastic on the subject of something to eat. 'Yes, and what else shall we have?'"

"You will likely have pleasant dreams, Carol," was the cool retort to her twins and Constance will not put to appearance at all. Prue will serve the refreshments, and will eat with me. Babbie and I shall spend the evening in the front room."

"The front room?" echoed Prudence. "This room is much cheerier, and more homelike."

"Well, Babbie isn't a member of the family, you know," said Fairy.

"You are doing your best," sniffed Carol.

"Now you girls must understand right off that things are different here from what they were at Exeter. The proper thing is to receive callers privately, without the family en masse sitting by and superintending. That's etiquette, you know. And one must always serve refreshments. More etiquette. Men are such greedy animals, they do not care to go places where the only treat is forthcoming."

"Men! Are you referring to this

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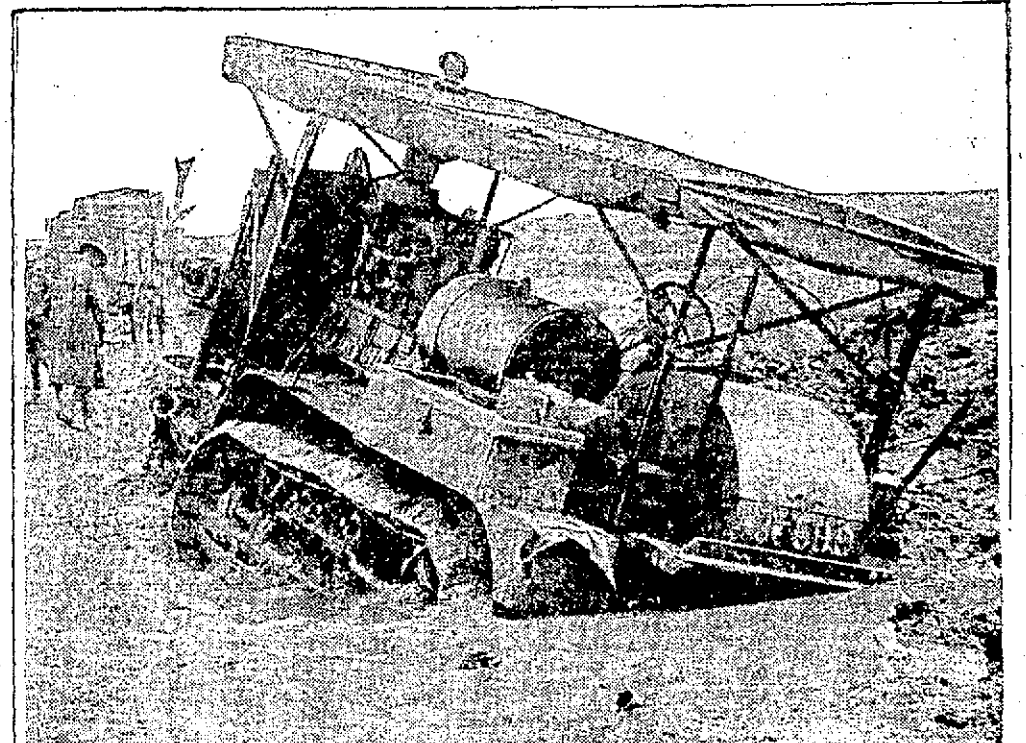
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"It ain't the bloomin' Germans wot's preventin' us from going forward," said a British private to an American correspondent, "it's the blasted sticky mud." And his uncompromising opinion of the mud is shared by the Germans, although they do not agree, of course, that it is the only thing that stands in the way of a British advance. The mud is a hindrance to the movement of supplies, guns, etc., as well as of men, as is evidenced by a picture reproduced herewith of a British army tractor stuck in the mud "somewhere in France."

Babbling creature now?" Inverposed Carol.

"Cuch!" said Lark.

"But won't it be rather—poky—just sitting in the front room by yourselves all evening?" asked Prudence doubtfully, ignoring the offended twines.

"Oh, I dare say it will. But it's the proper thing to do," said Fairy complacently.

"Wouldn't it be more fun to have the girls in for a little while?" persisted Prudence.

"Oh, it might—but it wouldn't be the proper thing at all. College men do not care to be entertained by babies."

"No," snapped Lark, "the wisdom of babies is too deep for these—these—these men in embryo."

This was so exquisitely said that Lark was quite restored to amiability by it. "In embryo" had been added to her vocabulary that very day in the biology class. And Carol said "Cuch!" with such whole-souled admiration that Lark's spirit soared among the clouds. She had scored!

"And what shall we serve them?" urged Prudence. "I suppose it would hardly do to—*per corn*, would it?"

"No, indeed. This is the first time, and we must do something extra. Babbie is all the rage at school, and the girls are frantic with jealousy because I have cut everybody else out."

"Do you like him, Fairy? Don't you think he's atrocious? He talks so much, it seems to me."

"To be sure I like him. He's great fun. He's always joking and never has a sensible thought, and hates study. The only reason he came here instead of going to a big college in the East is because his father is a trustee."

"Well, we'll serve oyster stew then. Now, will your twins run downtown for the oysters?" asked Prudence briskly.

"Who? Us?" demanded Lark indignantly and ungrammatically. "Do you think we can carry home oysters for this babbling young prince? Not so! Let Fairy go after the oysters!"

"Oh, yes, twinnies, I think you'll go all right. Run along, and be quick."

For a few seconds the twines gazed at each other anxiously. "Neither spoke. Without a word, they went upstairs to prepare for their errand."

"They whispered softly going through the upper hall."

"Twines! You must hurry!" This was Prudence at the bottom of the stairs. And the twines set off quite hurriedly. Their first call was at the meat market.

"A plant of oysters," said Lark briefly.

When he brought them to her, she smiled them suspiciously. Then Carol smiled.

"Have you got any rotten ones?" she demanded.

"No," he answered, laughing. "We don't keep that kind."

The twines sighed and hurried next door to the oysteria.

"A nickel's worth of pepper—the strongest you have."

This was quickly settled—and the grave-faced twines betook themselves to the corner drug store.

"We—we want something with a perfectly awful smell," Lark explained soberly.

"What kind of a smell?"

"We don't care what kind, but it must be like something rotten or dead, if you have it."

TO BE CONTINUED



## MOUNT PLEASANT METHODISTS BUY THE JORDAN HOME

Plan to Erect a New Church  
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Soon.

### AID SOCIETY NAMES OFFICERS

Mrs. Herman Hamed is Chosen President. Monthly Meetings are Abandoned. Basketball League Will Open Season Monday. Other Notes.

By Associated Press.  
MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 28.—The Methodist Episcopal congregation has purchased the property belonging to the heirs of Charles William Jordan on West Main street. Later on the congregation will build a church and parsonage on this ground and the adjoining ground already owned by them and on which their church now stands. Mrs. Will C. Murphy who lives in the house at this time will occupy it until April.

Officers Are Named.  
The following officers have been named for the hospital aid society for the coming year: President, Mrs. Herman Hamed; vice president, Mrs. Susan Kennedy; secretary, Mrs. D. H. Stoner; executive secretary, Miss Margaret Evans; treasurer, Mrs. George W. Stoner. The Ladies' Aid Society have done away with their regular monthly meeting and hereafter will not meet so often.

Mrs. Mary Miller who died very suddenly at her Southwest home was brought to the Slavic Church here where funeral services were held and interment was made in the Slavic cemetery.

League Opens Monday.  
The opening game of the basketball league will be played at the state armory on Monday, January 1, when Travin will meet Mount Pleasant. The game will be called at 8:15 and there will be a free dance after the game.

Enters the Hospital.  
Jacob Myers, one of the town's best known residents, who has been ill for a week or so, was taken to the Memorial Hospital here yesterday for treatment.

Notes.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller of Bucyrus, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan, Mrs. P. L. Marsh, and Mrs. Harriet Ruff attended the funeral of Mrs. Janet Ruff, who died in Greensburg yesterday.

Mrs. Theodora Bruner of Somerset, county, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chastner.

### VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT, Dec. 28.—Miss Margaret Senner of Madison is visiting Mrs. Ruth Bryan.

Mrs. Thompson of Conneville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Collins yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Edwards, who is ill with pneumonia, is much improved.

Jerome Myers of Dunbar township visited friends here yesterday.

Miss Kathryn Maust of near Monaca spent Monday afternoon with Miss Grace Newmyer.

J. Earle Roberts, principal of the Point Marion schools, is spending his vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harshman and baby of Juniata spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harshman of Dunbar township.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, daughter, Mary, and son, Hugh, spent Christmas as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall of Uniontown.

Miss Elsie Edwards visited friends in Dawson yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bane and daughter, Eleanor, of Conneville, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Stoner and daughter, Catherine, of Scottsdale, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bailey and children, Anna Belle and Harold, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bailey.

Allen Edwards of Brownsville visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards over Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Hadden has returned to her home in Pittsburgh after spending the past week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reed and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford McClain of Cleveland are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Belle McClain and other relatives here.

M. E. Townsend of near Perryopolis was a caller here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clelland of Star Junction visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Clelland over Christmas.

Miss Jennie Ward is very ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Girard and son, Jimmie, of Waynesburg are visiting Mrs. Girard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ogilvie.

Charles Martin, who has been very ill, is able to be about again.

Quay Herwick of Conneville visited friends here Tuesday.

James Robinson of Franklin township and Earl Porter of Dawson were business callers here yesterday.

Dr. L. C. Myers, who attends college in Columbus, O., is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Martha E. Myers of East Liberty.

John Woodard of Franklin township was a caller here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ida Gray and children of Alliance, O., are visiting Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McLaughlin and other relatives here.

Clifford Taylor and friend of Barnesboro are visiting the former's uncle, F. D. Gately.

J. L. Love was a business caller at Star Junction Tuesday.

lontown spent Monday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Strickler of Hopewell Pains.

Nelson Moura of Carnegie visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Kelly of Dunbar spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly.

Odin Chambers visited his mother, Mrs. John Chambers over Sunday and Monday.

### PECHIN

PECHIN, Dec. 27.—David S. McDowell of Keffers, is spending the holidays with relatives in Uniontown.

Mrs. Mary McClain of Ferguson, spent Christmas as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Washington Provance.

Mrs. Henry Cole of Ferguson, spent Christmas with her son-in-law, Charles Humbert, of Dunbar.

Mrs. Presley Brooks of Dunbar, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thorpe of Beeson Hill, over Christmas.

George W. Smiley of Keffers, was transacting business in Conneville yesterday.

Mrs. McGill of Church Hill, was visiting friends and relatives in Scottsdale on Monday and had her Christmas dinner with them.

Charles Miller was a Conneville business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. John McGarity of Church Hill, spent Christmas with relatives at Leominster.

Charles Bryner was in Mount Braddock on business Saturday.

Misses Eleanor and Margaret Senner of Keffers, spent Christmas with their brother, William Senner of Dunbar.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mierd of Keffers, were the guests of Rev. D. E. Mierd of Woodvale street, Dunbar, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly of Vandeventer, were visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. John McClain of Keffers, Christmas.

Mrs. Theima Carr of Keffers, is suffering from a sprained wrist and bruised arm as the result of a fall Saturday night after she had participated in the carnival at the Methodist Protestant Church. At first it was necessary to carry the arm in a sling, but yesterday it had improved sufficiently to allow the sling to be dispensed with.

Mrs. Walter S. Martin of Fayette street, Dunbar, was visiting her mother, Mrs. John McClain of Keffers, on Christmas.

Mrs. W. S. Franks and Mrs. John McClain of Keffers, were visiting the latter's son and the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Perry C. McClain, of Evans Station, Tuesday.

Mrs. Virginia McClain of Keffers, spent Christmas with Dunbar relatives.

Mrs. Bruce McNair of the furnace, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thorpe of Beeson Hill.

Mrs. J. L. Keffers was visiting her sister, Mrs. Frances Harrington Bryan of Uniontown, yesterday.

Miss Rosa Suttler was visiting friends at Mount Braddock, Saturday.

Miss Daisy Miller of Dunbar, was visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole of Keffers, Christmas.

Mrs. John Slaty and son of New England Hill, were shopping in Conneville yesterday.

L. G. Lehman of Keffers, was transacting business in Conneville Saturday evening.

Pechin Chapel Sunday School rendered a concert and distributed a liberal treat to their pupils Christmas evening. A large crowd was present and all were more than pleased with the affair. Miss Jessie Baker was the teacher and the excellence of the performance speaks volumes for their teacher.

### OHIOPTLE

OHIOPTLE, Dec. 28.—Miss Elsie Boggs of Conneville, spent Wednesday the guest of friends in Conneville.

John Yoder of Uniontown, was a recent caller here.

William Brady left yesterday for Bellevue after a several weeks' visit here.

William Hirschberger returned to his home here Tuesday after a several days' visit with Mount Pleasant relatives and friends.

Mrs. Richard McClain and two daughters of Conneville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McClain.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church were entertained by Mrs. T. M. Mitchell at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Floyd McCall left yesterday for Indian Creek where he will spend several days.

William Holt was a business caller in Conneville yesterday.

Miss Martha Heckler of Conneville, was a caller here yesterday.

Miss Myrtle Shumaker of Mount Pleasant, is the guest of friends here for a few days.

Increasing Mine Capacity.  
An additional mine with a daily capacity of 1,000 tons of coal will be equipped at Bradford, Ala., by the Imperial Coal & Coke Company of Birmingham.

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